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1. [REDACTED] a new air and paratroop base was put into operation [REDACTED] on the Cheleken peninsula. The location of the base is approximately 20 kms from Cheleken and 40 kms from Vyshka.
2. "The base is composed of four military camps and five to eight airfields and landing grounds. Each airfield is supplemented by two to four landing grounds in the radius of 3 - 5 kms. The airfields are built in a temporary way without permanent concrete runways. One of them has runways 1200 - 1500 meters long, built of iron nets.
3. "Soldiers stationed in the camps adjoining the airfields are from paratroop units. Their equipment is composed of armored cars, small tanks and artillery on low caterpillar tractors (probably anti-aircraft guns). It is guessed that in each camp there is one paratroop brigade and that in the base as a whole there are two paratroop divisions of 7000 to 8000 men each. These divisions were sent from the Siberian base of Tasharsk-Barabinsk.
4. "The following types of planes are standing at the airfields:
 two-engine propeller driven transport planes, type 11, of 1946-48 production;
 Training planes of 'PO' and 'TB' series;
 About 30 bombers, type 'P2-8'; these are four or six-engine planes;
 On the big airfield near Vyshka there are two fighter squadrons (over 100 planes) of TU (10, 15 and others) and 'IA' types, which are the newest and the fastest turbo-jet fighters, called 'Turboistrebittel.'

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